

SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION PUBLIC NOTICE

The Central Coast Water Board is currently reviewing a Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification application for the project described below. We encourage public comments on the proposed project and will take comments into consideration when taking action on the application. You may submit written comments on this project to:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Attention: 401 Coordinator

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Project Applicant: California Department of Parks and Recreation – Jim Engelke

Applicant's Agent: California Department of Parks and Recreation – Monica Stupaczuk

Project Name: El Capitan State Beach: Entrance Improvements

Receiving Water: El Capitan Creek

City/County: Goleta / Santa Barbara

Public Notice: December 4, 2019 – December 21, 2019

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to enhance the safety and function of the current park entrance.

The proposed project activities include:

- Widening the existing road to El Capitan State Beach from where the on/off ramp of Highway 101 meets El Capitan State Beach Road to 250 feet west of the entrance kiosk;
- Improving the entrance trail to include a combination of elevated walkways;
- Removing timber stairs from the existing trail;
- Installing an accessible curb ramp to allow pedestrians access to the kiosk;
- Demolishing the existing metal culvert spanning El Capitan Creek;
- Replacing the culvert with an open channel bridge;
- Installing an updated pedestrian trail adjacent to the new bridge;
- Replacing the culvert near the kiosk with a new segmented box culvert;
- Adding an additional entrance lane on the south side of the kiosk;
- Demolishing and replacing the existing kiosk and adjacent service building;
- Conveying runoff to bio-retention systems and permeable pavers; and
- Removing a total of 24 trees and affecting 15 native trees.

Mitigation to be determined. The California Department of Parks and Recreation filed a (Mitigated) Negative Declaration on April 10, 2018.